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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON RHODESIA

1. IN AIRPORT INTERVIEW, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER
JOE GARBA IMPLIED BRITISH HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY DRAGGING THEIR
FEET IN HANDLING RHODESIAN PROBLEM. HESSAID HE WAS "SURPRISED"
BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN SHOULD HAVE TAKEN SO LONG
TO DISCOVER IAN SMITH'S INTRANSIGENCE WAS DELAYING SETTLEMENT
OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM. GARBA WAS REACTING TO RECENT STATE-
MENT BY DR. OWEN THAT IF HE HAD BEEN GIVEN POWER, HE WOULD
HAVE FIRED SMITH AS HEAD OF RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF
HIS NEGATIVE APPROACH.

2. ACCORDING TO GARBA, OWEN WAS OPTIMISTIC OVER PROGRESS
BEING MADE IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WHEN HE WAS IN
LAGOS RECENTLY AFTER VISITING THOSE COUNTRIES. GARBA ADDED
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THAT HE TOLD OWEN TO "MAKE HASTE SLOWLY" BECAUSE HE HAD YET
TO DISCOVER THE TRUE NATURE OF SMITH.

3. COMMENT: AT TIME OF INTERVIEW, GARBA WAS RETURNING, IN
COMPANY OF NIGER FONMIN DR. MONOUIN DJERNAKOWE, FROM
MEDIATION MISSION TO LIBYA AND CHAD. HE COMMENTED TO REPORTERS
THAT THEY HAD SUCCEEDED IN SETTING MEDIATION MACHINERY IN

MOTION.
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